

Aloha Commissioners!

Some of you, apparently, do not fully realize how tough the 2006 battle was fought by voters to get that 2% on the ballot and that a large majority voted FOR it. The voters' decision needs to be respected by you and the Charter Commission should let the voters decide again whether or not to set aside 2% of property taxes. NOT 0.5%, as is now being suggested.

2% is really nothing in the County's budget, over all, and yet it can make a huge difference in protecting and saving lands for Hawaii Island's keiki and their keiki.

I hope you will follow the wishes of the people and put 2% on the ballot instead of 0.5%.

Mahalo,
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